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- (U) Beverly Hills Three Gang Members Plead Guilty in Brazen Beverly Hills Armed Robbery, Shooting (U) Malik Lamont Powell, 21, and Khai McGhee, aka Cameron Smith, 18, are two gang members that pleaded guilty Wednesday in connection with a brazen, daylight armed robbery for a luxury watch at a Beverly Hills restaurant that resulted in a woman being shot and wounded. Marquise Anthony Gardon, 41, was also involved and pleaded guilty to two of those counts. The three men are documented members of the Rollin' 30s Crips gang and targeted a man for wearing an expensive watch as he sat in the outdoor dining area of a restaurant. The victim was held at gunpoint before a struggle for the weapon ensued, and at least two rounds were discharged, one of which hit another diner in the leg. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, CBS News
- (U) Sacramento Judge Allows Alleged Aryan Brotherhood Leader to Sue Jail Over Diet Restrictions (U) A federal judge has allowed a lawsuit filed by an alleged leader of the Aryan Brotherhood to proceed on grounds that the jail is improperly withholding a religious vegetarian diet, court records show. But the 24 September order by US District Judge John A. Mendez also throws out several more serious claims by Richmond native Ronald Dean Yandell, 59, that accuses the Sacramento sheriff of retaliation and harassment. Last month, US Magistrate Judge Allison Claire noted that when Yandell asked for a vegetarian diet to adhere to his "strict Buddhist" beliefs, jail staff denied the claim as insincere. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, <u>East Bay Times</u>

(U) Vallejo – Police Chief Calls Sideshows 'Street Terrorism'

(U) Vallejo is going to start citing spectators at sideshows, as well as people who promote or encourage the illegal stunts. Voting unanimously 7-0 Tuesday evening, the City Council agreed with Police Chief Shawny Williams, who called the activity "street terrorism." Sideshows crop up in intersections and parking lots, often attracting hundreds of people to watch cars spin and skid in a dangerous display. "They are spinning donuts, disrupting our citizens, throwing fireworks at our officers, throwing bottles, it's been a problem," said Vallejo Police Captain Jason Potts, who spoke to council members alongside Chief Williams.

SOURCE: 29 September 2021, KTVU News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Fentanyl Overdose Deaths in El Paso County Increased Sixfold, Driven by Lethal Pills (U) El Paso – Overdose deaths involving fentanyl increased sixfold in the past three years in El Paso County. Seized quantities of fentanyl increased more than 500% from 2018 to 2020. In 2020, 31% of all overdose deaths involved fentanyl. Other deaths involved cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin. Of all fentanyl pills seized in the El Paso area, 40% contained a lethal dosage of fentanyl (2.2 milligrams). The average amount of fentanyl in seized pills is 1.8 milligrams, according to El Paso authorities. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, 8 News Now

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Kentucky – County Government Computer Network Compromised by Cyberattack

(U) Lexington – The Dawson County Courthouse was closed on 27 September due to the computer network being compromised by a cyberattack. Measures were taken immediately to control damage from this breach; however, a large amount of data has been compromised by the cyberattack and work to minimize the negative impact is ongoing, according to the release. Individuals employed by or doing business with Dawson County who believe their personal information may have been compromised should take precautions to protect themselves from further harm, according to an official release. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, NP Telegram

(U) Maryland – Two Students Hurt, 7 Charged After Stabbing, Lockdown at High School

(U) Annapolis – Two students were hurt and seven face charges after a stabbing during a recent fight at Annapolis High School, prompting a lockdown. Two students suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were taken to hospital, according to authorities. Two school resource officers (SRO) saw the fight and were able to disarm a student quickly and without force. Seven total students were detained. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, NBC News

(U) Ohio – FBI Arrests Two Police Officers on Drug Charges

(U) Columbus – Two narcotics officers who serve on the police force in Ohio's capital city have been arrested by the FBI on charges connected to the distribution of fentanyl and attempts to smuggle other drugs, federal prosecutors announced Wednesday. The two officers were involved in the distribution of approximately 7 ½-kilograms of fentanyl, according to the US Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Ohio. One of the officers tried to recruit a confidential informant to traffic drugs with him, according to court documents, and allegedly promised that person law enforcement protection. The documents also show the officer intended to gain citizenship in Mexico as part of a plan to launder drug proceeds. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, Journal Gazette

(U) Florida – Community Members Complain About Constant Bomb Threats in Local Schools

(U) Gainesville – Three schools in Alachua County were forced to evacuate today because of fake bomb threats, and it appears to be a growing problem. Students and staff at Eastside High School, Newberry High School, and Oakview Middle School were all impacted by the threats. This was the fourth consecutive school day Newberry High School received these types of threats. "We can't treat them like they're idle threats we have to treat them like they're real and credible because if we're wrong then disaster is what occurs," according to a sheriff office spokesperson. The sheriff's office sent Newberry 26 deputies, two bomb canines, and a helicopter, highlighting a significant public safety cost to taxpayers. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, WCJB News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) China – Country Unveils Advanced Attack and Stealth Drones

(U) Zhuhai – Leading Chinese aerospace company Cai Hong (CH) UAV debuted the CH-817 attack drone and CH-6 high speed stealth. The stealth drone can reach speeds of up to 435-miles per hour and fly for 20-hours uninterrupted, giving it the capability to carry out advanced military operations including antisubmarine attacks. The attack drone, a much smaller device, can fly for up to 15-minutes and be carried by individual soldiers. Shi Wen, the chief engineer for the drones, described the attack drone as a "flying grenade." Chinese drone buildup is an area of growing concern for defense planners, who say China could use a drone "swarm" to take out American or Taiwanese defenses.

SOURCE: 29 September 2021, Free Beacon

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(U) New Zealand – After Knife Attack, New Zealand Criminalizes Terror Plotting

(U) Wellington – New Zealand politicians recently passed a law criminalizing terror plotting. The new law was hurried through Parliament after an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)-inspired-extremist grabbed a knife at a supermarket on 3 September and began stabbing shoppers, wounding five. Police officers shot and killed Ahamed Aathil Samsudeen after they said they confronted him in the supermarket, and he charged at them with the knife. Authorities had been following Samsudeen for 53 days, worried he planned to attack after he was released from prison in July. However, police had found no legal reason to detain him.

SOURCE: 29 September 2021, Tristar News

(U) Russia – Government Arrests Leading Cybersecurity Executive on Treason Charges

(U) Moscow – Russian authorities have arrested an executive of a top cybersecurity company on the charges of high treason, a move that has sent shock waves through Russia's business community. A court in Moscow on Wednesday announced a ruling to place Ilya Sachkov, founder and CEO of the Group-IB – one of the leading cybersecurity companies in Russia, in custody for two months pending investigation and trial. Group-IB specializes in combating cyberattacks, online fraud, and investigating high-tech cybercrimes. Top Russian banks and companies, including state-run, are Group-IB clients. SOURCE: 29 September 2021, ABC News

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